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SUBJECT: RELIGIOUS PUBLICATION CLOSED

- 1. PNA REPORTS JAN 25 THAT LOCAL PC HAVE PADLOCKED OFFICES
  OF MALAYBALAY DIOCESAN PUBLICATION "ANG BANDILYO" FOR ALLEGED
  SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES. "ANG BANDILYO," WEEKLY PUBLISHED BY
  BISHOP CLAVER, WAS CONSITENTLY CRITICAL OF GOP.
- 2. DURING RECENT VISIT TO MALAYBALAY (SEE MANILA 0884) BISHOP CLAVER TOLD EMBOFF THAT HE HAD CHANGED NAME OF "ANG BANDILYO" TO "PASTORAL LETTER," I.E. PERSONAL COMMUNICATION FROM BISHOP TO HIS FLOCK, PRECISLEY TO PROVIDE MORE PROTECTION FROM CLOSURE. EMBOFF ALSO ACCOMPANIED PUBLICATION'S EDITOR WHEN HE DELIVERED IT. FOR PAST FEW WEEKS PRIESTS HAVE HAD TO DELIVER PAPER TO VARIOUS PARISHES SINCE REGULAR MESSENGER WARNED BY PC HE WOULD BE "RUN OFF THE ROAD INTO A DITCH" IF CAUGHT DELIVERING IT.
- 3. COMMENT: BISHOP CLAVER'S BELIEF THAT CHANGING HIS PUBLICATION'S NAME MIGHT GIVE IT MORE IMMUNITY FROM CLOSURE HAS PROVED ILL-FOUNDED. CLOSURE OF PUBLICATION COMES ONLY FEW DAYS AFTER CLAVER AND SEVERAL OTHER BISHOPS, IN WHOSE DIOCESES PANMIN OPERATES, HAD UNSATIFACTORY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SESSION WITH SECRETARY OF NATIONAL DEFENSE ENRILE AND ON EVE OF BISHOP'S CONFERENCE IN CEBU. GOP MAY BE SIGNALING IT WILL TAKE HARD LINE WHENEVER CHURCH PUBLISHES MATERIAL IT JUDGES IS SUBVERSIVE OF STATE AUTHORITY. HOW CHURCH WILL REACT TO THIS LATEST INCIDENT SHOULD BECOME APPARENT DURING OR AFTER BISHOPS' CONFERENCE.

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